



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 183 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 24, 2001. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 24, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through February 24, 2001 were 1.14 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 20 2001	Jan 27 2001	Feb 3 2001	Feb 10 2001	Feb 17 2001	Feb 24 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	27,547	27,306	*27,513	28,021	28,323	28,327
AR	29,167	29,413	29,702	29,752	*29,225	29,392
DE	4,118	3,875	3,974	3,976	*4,306	4,316
FL	2,499	2,486	2,489	2,724	2,719	2,554
GA	30,628	30,646	30,381	30,786	*31,172	31,752
MD	8,679	8,306	8,205	8,279	8,590	8,664
MS	18,100	17,938	*17,833	18,097	18,167	18,570
NC	17,620	16,856	*17,865	18,514	17,760	18,063
PA	3,515	*3,701	*3,779	*3,344	*3,534	3,632
SC	4,832	4,661	4,934	4,748	*4,798	4,930
TX	14,412	14,475	13,990	14,553	14,544	14,663
VA	6,481	6,591	6,582	6,558	6,607	6,616
CA, TN, & WV	11,610	11,180	11,387	11,371	11,486	11,721
15 State Total	179,208	*177,434	*178,634	*180,723	*181,231	183,200
Previous Year Total	181,734	179,169	178,533	178,059	178,218	183,373
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	100	101	102	100

* Revised.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 15 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jan 20 2001	Jan 27 2001	Feb 3 2001	Feb 10 2001	Feb 17 2001	Feb 24 2001
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,726	20,586	21,082	20,714	20,568	20,323
AR	22,233	24,001	23,584	22,457	22,484	23,136
DE	4,540	5,423	4,982	5,526	*4,693	4,729
FL	2,340	2,236	2,300	2,183	2,049	2,434
GA	24,653	24,407	24,213	24,709	*24,456	24,518
MD	5,646	4,906	5,702	5,050	*5,533	5,572
MS	14,870	15,193	15,290	15,261	14,843	14,769
NC	14,466	13,727	14,658	13,768	13,585	13,999
PA	2,541	*2,779	*2,694	*2,536	*2,716	2,913
SC	4,058	4,229	4,160	4,067	4,017	3,760
TX	11,345	11,180	11,106	11,218	11,258	11,532
VA	5,273	5,322	4,758	5,291	5,526	5,387
CA, TN, & WV	9,587	9,940	10,255	10,527	9,565	9,608
15 State Total	142,278	*143,929	*144,784	*143,307	*141,293	142,680
Previous Year Total	145,179	145,644	144,326	145,858	143,311	141,374
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	100	98	99	101

* Revised.